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All possible measures have been, and are continued, to fight the alarming epidemic but, as with smallpox, I fear it will not disappear till all apt for the disease have had it, when for sheer want of raw material it will disappear.

If not otherwise secured Government will charter special vessels to

fetch supplies.

CHINA.

Plague sporadic in Canton, and spreading in other places.

The Department of State is in receipt of a dispatch dated April 15, from the consul-general at Canton, reporting that bubonic plague is sporadic in that city, and that over fifty victims have died in Fu Shan, Tung Kung District, and about twenty in Sun Ui city.

The Department of State is in receipt of the following telegram.

dated May 26, from the consul-general at Canton, China:

Plague spreading Canton, Honam, Rev. Richard Noyes, missionary, victim.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended May 21, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 3; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis.

No evidence of any quarantinable disease in or around this port at present. General sanitary condition of this port and surrounding

country fair.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number or crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 16 17 19 20 21	Altai. Admiral Schley Alps Matina Bradford	46 55 25 44 41	28 14 0 0	5 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0

Yellow fever at Limon.

Washington, May 28, 1904.

GRUBBS,

Gulf Quarantine, Ship Island, via Biloxi, Miss.:

Goodman reports yellow fever at Limon.

WYMAN.

[The above telegram was also sent to Souchon, New Orleans; Tabor, Austin; Goldthwaite, Mobile; and White, Pensacola.]

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, May 18, as follows: Week ended May 14, 1904—

Ships inspected and bills of health issued.	5
Crews inspected.	138
Passengers inspected	